Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Evaluation of the intraoperative specimens of the thoracic and abdominal aorta

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**Reviewer:** michael grimm

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I do not have any major concerns now.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

Although some of the authors have been former co-workers at the University of Vienna, I do not have conflict of interest